GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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LEPROSY CASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of leprosy cases reported during each of the last three years and current year (upto June, 2002), State- wise;

(b) the number of hospitals for treatment of leprosy in the country at present alongwith the number of those opened during 2001-2002;

(c) the funds provided by the Union Government to the States for opening of leprosy hospitals during the year 2000- 2001 and 2001-2002, State-wise;

(d) the foreign assistance received by these hospitals during the years 2000-2001 and 2001-2002;

(e) whether these hospitals have received financial assistance from the World Bank Organisation during the said period;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to eliminate leprosy?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a): The information is given at Annex.-I.

(b): Multi Drug Therapy (MDT) for the treatment of leprosy in the country is being provided through all the Primary Health Centres, Sub-health Centres and all other General Hospitals at district level. In addition to the above, 5 Central Government leprosy institutes namely Central Leprosy Training and Research Institute, Chengalpattu, Tamil Nadu, Regional Leprosy Training and Research Institutes at Raipur

(Chhattisgarh), Aska (Orissa) and Gouripur (West Bengal) and JALMA (Agra) are also providing treatment of leprosy. No specialized leprosy hospitals have been established in the country during the year 2001-2002.

(c): No funds have been provided by the Union Government to the States for opening of leprosy hospitals during the year 2000-01 and 2001-02.

(d): No foreign assistance has been received by the Institutes mentioned under (b).

(e): The above mentioned hospitals have not received financial assistance from the World Bank during the said period.

(f): Does not arise.

(g): The National Leprosy Eradication Programme is being implemented as a 100% Centrally Sponsored Scheme in all the States/UTs. The details are given below:-

With the assistance of the World Bank, first phase of the National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) started in 1993-94 and all the Districts got covered under Multi Drug Therapy (MDT) by 1995-96. The Prevalence Rate (PR) which was over 24/10,000 at the beginning of the first phase came down to 4.2/10,000 in March, 2002.

Second phase of World Bank assisted National Leprosy Eradication Programme (NLEP) for 3 years was started in 2001- 2002 with the aim of achieving elimination of leprosy i.e. a PR of less than 1/10,000 population at the national level, by March, 2004.

The main components of this Project are as follows:-

(i) Decentralization with full responsibility for implementation, monitoring & financial management, to be done by the Sates. State and District Leprosy Societies have been formed in the States for this purpose.

(ii) Integration of leprosy services with General Health Care Services for greater reach of leprosy services.

(iii) Third Modified Leprosy Elimination Campaigns (MLEC) for detection of hidden cases was undertaken during the last financial year and fourth one will be taken up in the current year.

(iv) Creating public awareness about facts of leprosy through intensive Information, Educational & Communication (IEC).

(v) Training of all General Health Care Staff in leprosy.

(vi) Disability Care and prevention.

(vii) Special Action Projects for Elimination of Leprosy (SAPEL) and Leprosy Elimination Campaign (LEC) for difficult/inaccessible/under served Rural & Urban areas, respectively.

Annexure-I

NATIONAL LEPROSY ERADICATION PROGRAMME ACHIEVEMENTS IN RESPECT OF CASE DETECTION

(STATEWISE AND YEARWISE DURING LAST 3 YEARS AND CURRENT YEAR)

S.No	States/Uts.	1999-2000 Cases Detected	2000-01 Cases Detected	2001-02 Cases Detected	2002-03 +Cases Detected
1.	Andhra Pradesh	49692	58122	51183	6023
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	180	128	119	NR
3.	Assam	3154	1929	2464	NR
4.	Bihar	166877	98732	120005	9839
5.	Goa	293	394	337	38
6.	Gujarat	11758	12913	10949	1687
7	Haryana	679	917	766	NR
8.	Himachal Pradesh	480	330	263	44
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	423	707	645	25
10.	Karnataka	18511	15830	18761	2274
11.	Kerala	3697	3209	2420	449
12.	Madhya Pradesh	44949	18407	18345	2311
13.	Maharashtra	47659	35491	46371	4130
14.	Manipur	207	206	160	NR
15.	Meghalaya	76	59	48	NR
16.	Mizoram	31	21	24	8
17.	Nagaland	68	63	73	5
18.	Orissa	63963	38133	45065	4887
19.	Punjab	1273	1496	1401	145
20.	Rajasthan	2689	2003	2012	NR
21.	Sikkim	24	46	73	9
22.	Tamil Nadu	30152	33204	32251	1400
23.	Tripura	119	98	102	NR
24.	Uttar Pradesh	106231	80443	110989	5832
25.	West Bengal	52888	34619	46214	NR
26.	A & Islands	62	108	67	NR
27.	Chandigarh	301	339	333	22
28.	D & N Haveli	273	217	331	36
29.	Daman & Diu	37	29	44	NR
30.	Delhi	2870	6346	5324	NR
31.	Lakshadweep	0	22	7	NR

32.	Pondicherry	452	530	462	16
33.	Jharkhand	0	34531	45143	NR
34.	Chhattisgarh	0	20805	27470	2323
35.	Uttaranchal	0	1829	2537	403

+ Cases Detected upto 5/2002 as per reports received from States

NR - Not Received.